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AID This Government becoming increasingly concerned over threat
PX to security of South America generated by growing social unrest
IOP and avowed intent of Castro Communist movement, in alignment with
INR Sino-Soviet bloc, to use this unrest to sieze political control
CIA by indirect aggression. A current assessment of the threat of
NSA communist infiltration and subversion in each South American
FBI country is lacking. We also lack an up-to-date evaluation of the
capacity of national military police and security forces in Latin
America to cope with infiltration and subversion.

RMR Accordingly, it has been decided to make up-to-date internal
security assessment for each country. We propose send to
addressee posts an inter-agency assessment team to make on-the-
spot internal security survey with object of studying in each
country (a) nature and extent of communist threat; (b) will and
capacity

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capacity of government and society to resist and defeat threat; and
(c) capability of Country Team and associated personnel to help host
government defeat threat and to provide Washington with current in-
formation as to its nature and extent.

Team will be composed one representative each from State, CIA
and AID, Public Safety Division, and two each FBI and Defense,
latter being from CINCARIB and OSD respectively. State man will be
chairman.

Members of team will be in civilian clothes and will travel as
inconspicuously as possible; they will not, unless Country Team
considers it advisable, consult with foreign representatives. Team
visits will be short (about three - four days per country) and
highly concentrated. Team tentatively scheduled to leave United
States about November 15. You will be advised of its schedule by
separate message.

Addressees should initiate no publicity whatsoever regarding
team visit. If any public inquiries are received, team should be
described as representatives engaged in inspection and study of
operations in

country.

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COUNTRY.

The Primary areas to be covered by team will be: (1) nature and extent of Communist threat in each country; (2) capacity of police and armed forces of country to maintain internal security, and the will of government and society to back them up; (3) any organizational changes needed in country to improve efficiency of its operations to maintain internal security; (4) capabilities of Country Team and associated USG personnel to assist local government to establish and maintain adequate internal security and to keep Washington currently informed of internal security picture; (5) prospects for exchange of intelligence information with local agencies; (6) requirements for USG advice, equipment and training.

FYI Unlikely there will be additional MAP funds available for South American programs in FY 62 as result this survey. While some attention will be devoted to equipment and training included in FY 62 programs on a country by country basis, it is not rpt not intended that team's activities will include detailed review or reprogramming of such programs or of reallocation of funds between countries. In addition to investigating above areas, members of team individually and collectively will be prepared to provide assistance and guidance to country teams in preparing, implementing, and coordinating programs. End FYI

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To expedite discussions each Embassy hereby requested prepare de-
tailed analyses and/or specific recommendations and courses of action
covering points 1 - 6 above. In addition, please consider what related
issues, or particular country problems, should be discussed with team
upon its arrival. Team will require stenographic services and temporary
office facilities during each visit.

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